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NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK – MAY 22-28, 2010

Boating Under the Influence

The following is a safe boating message from the National Safe Boating Council

The effects of alcohol can be even more hazardous on the water than on land. Boating Under the Influence, or BUI, affects judgment, vision, balance and coordination. These impairments can increase the risk of being involved in a boating accident – for both passengers and boat operators. Alcohol is a contributing factor in about a third of all recreational boating fatalities.

It is illegal to operate any boat or watercraft while under the influence of alcohol or drugs in every state. Penalties can include fines, suspension or revocation of your driver's license and even jail time.

Every boater needs to understand the risks of boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. To learn more, visit the National Safe Boating Council online, at www.SafeBoatingCouncil.org.

THIS MESSAGE IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE NATIONAL SAFE BOATING COUNCIL, WHICH REMINDS YOU THAT NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK IS MAY 22 THROUGH 28.

